

SONET.

GORGON, OR THE WONDERFULL YEARE.

St. Fame, dispos'd to cunnycatch the world,  
Upreat'd a wonderment of *Eighty Eight*:  
The Earth, addreading to be overwhurld,  
What now availes, quoth she, my ballance weight?  
The Circle smyl'd to see the Center feare:  
The wonder was, no wonder fell that yeare.

Wonders enhaunse their powre in numbers odd:  
The fatall yeare of yeares is *Ninety Three*.  
Parma hath kist ; De-maine entreates the rodd:  
Warre wondreth *Peace and Spaine in Fraunce to see*.  
Brave Eckenberg the dowty Bassa shames:  
The Christian Neptune Turkish Vulcane tames.

Navarre woos Roome: Charlmaine gives Guise the *Phy*:  
Weepe, Powles, thy Tamberlaine voutsafes to dye!

***Gabriel Harvey 1593***

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